GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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HEALTH AWARENESS AMONG TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is least awareness among tribals towards the health issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to create health awareness among the primitive tribes in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (e): Health is a State subject and NRHM supplements the efforts of State/UT Governments. Based on request of States, NRHM addresses information, education and communication towards health related issues throughout the country with special focus of vulnerable, tribal and hilly areas. States are appropriately creating health campaign and awareness in rural areas with special focus on tribal population. Financial assistance are being given to States/UTs for health facilities located in the tribal areas, as per the State requirement reflected in the Annual State Programme Implementation Plan annually, which is appraised and approved by the National Programme Coordination Committee under NRHM.